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SUBJ: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

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- 1. PRESIDENT ODUBER CONFIRMS THAT DELEGATION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT DANIEL ODUBER QUIROZ, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS GONZALO FACIO SEGREDA, AMBASSADOR RODOLFO SILVA VARGAS.
- 2. TRAVEL PLANS REMAIN AS PER REFTEL, EXCEPT THAT GOCR HAS NOW ASKED PAN AMERICAN SEEK SPECIAL LANDING PRIVILEGE AT ANDREWS FOR PAA 542, SEPTEMBER 6. NO SECURITY PERSONNEL WILL ACCOMPANY. NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS. ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION SPEAK ENGLISH FLUENTLY.

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- 3. PRESIDENT STILL SLIGHTLY PREOCCUPIED BY FACT THAT ASSEMBLY IS IN RECESS, COMPLICATING TIMING OF PERMISSION TO ABSENT HIMSELF FROM COUNTRY. HE HAS CONTACTED OPPOSITION LEADERS IN EFFORT TO RAISE QUORUM ON SEPTEMBER 1, BUT IS FEARFUL THAT VOTE MAY NOT COME UNTIL SEPTEMBER 5.
- 4. THREE THEMES CITED IN REFTEL ARE THE ONES HE WISHES TO PURSUE

WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. IN CONNECTION WITH SECOND, "TANGIBLE US SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES IN THE HEMISPHERE", HE INTENDS TO ARGUE THAT WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S LIMITED DISCRETION IN APPLYING TRADE LEGISLATION, THE US PRESIDENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUBTLY REPEAT SUBTLY DISCRIMINATE IN FOVOR OF THOSE NATIONS.

5. CHARACTERISTICALLY, ODUBER LOOKS UPON THE EVENTS OF THE NEXT WEEK FROM MORE A HEMISPHERIC THAN BILATERAL PERSPECTIVE. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER MIGHT TAKE TTR OCCASION TOYRNND A WAY TO KNOCK HONDURAN AND EL SALVADORAN HEADS TOGETHER "WHICH IS WHAT THEY BOTH ARE WAITING FOR". HE ALSO MENTIONED HIS PLEASURE QREDBIHE VARIED ATTENDANCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INSURAF CONTINUED MOMENTUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES. FINALLY, HE VOLUNTEERED THT HE HOPES LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL ATTEND AND THAT HE HAD EVEN OFFERED TO GO BY WAY OF MEXICO TO ACCOMPANY HIM IF NECESSARY.

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